

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

Sri T. MARIAPPA (Mysore City North).—I beg to present the report of the Committee of Privileges. The Committee has come to the conclusion that there was no breach of privilege.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Hunsur).—In this connection, I would request the Speaker to have copies of the Report of the Privileges Committee of the Legislative Council distributed to the members of this House in view of the importance of the whole thing.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Though the point involved is different, the Office will attend to it. Copies, if possible, will be distributed.

We shall now rise for lunch and meet at 3-20 P.M.

The House adjourned for Lunch at Fifty Minutes past Two of the Clock and reassembled at Twenty-five Minutes past Three of the Clock.

[Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

MYSORE MUNICIPAL LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953.

Motion to consider.

Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government and Public Health).—I beg to move :

“That the Mysore Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1953, as passed by the Legislative Council, be taken into consideration.”

As this House is aware, there is at present no provision in the City of Bangalore Municipal Corporation Act, the Mysore City Municipalities Act and the Mysore Town Municipalities Act under which the private properties of His Highness the Maharaja can be taxed. It is therefore necessary.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—I now remember that on the last day of the Budget Session, the Bill was fully discussed and when a Member was debating on it, it was decided to postpone the consideration of the Bill. So, any Member

may take the opportunity to speak if he so desires. We can have discussion on the Bill. The Hon'ble Minister need not make any introductory speech again. The debate will take place.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City—South).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the last occasion when the Bill was being debated on, a pertinent point was raised as to whether the Palace in Mysore City or the Palace in Bangalore City is the private property of His Highness the Maharaja or the public property. That is the issue that was raised. At this point, Government were unable to place before us any relevant record or information. As a matter of fact, I think my Hon'ble friend, Sri K. Puttaswamy, requested the Hon'ble Minister to kindly furnish us the inventory list that was prepared, wherein also it was noted as to which are the private properties of His Highness the Maharaja and which are the public properties. At that stage, the subject was deferred and I think the Hon'ble Minister by this time will be in a position to let us know whether the Palace is the private property of His Highness the Rajpramukh or the public property, and, if it is a private property, the matter will be definite. Unless these particulars are furnished and the inventory is also placed before the House, I think it is not desirable to have a debate on this Bill.

3-30 P.M.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—If there are any other Members who want clarification on the subject, they may once for all say what they have got to say.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).—Sir, the position that arose on the occasion when this Bill was last placed before this House was, as well as I can recollect, whether the Palace in Mysore and the Palace in Bangalore and the buildings and lands appurtenant thereto formed the private or personal property of His Highness the Rajpramukh or whether these buildings were State property. That was the question which was raised on the last occasion when this Bill was debated. The